

our community and the lives of those she has touched.

It is because of dedicated women such as Ms. Mardell Urish that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Mr. Speaker, I would like to again formally honor Ms. Mardell Urish's life and her service to this great country.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2018

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, June 19, 2018, I experienced delays traveling from Peoria, IL to Washington, D.C. Unfortunately, due to a delayed and then canceled flight, I did not make it to D.C. in time for the 6:30 p.m. vote series. Had I been present, I would have voted yea on Roll Call No. 269; yea on Roll Call No. 270; and nay on Roll Call No. 271.

HONORING THE TOWNSHIP OF MONTCLAIR'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2018

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Township of Montclair, County of Essex, New Jersey, on the occasion of its 150th Anniversary.

The story of Montclair as a settled community begins with the Crane family. Azariah Crane, his wife Mary Treat Crane, and their son Nathaniel, built a home in 1694 near the present intersection of Orange Road and Myrtle Avenue. Other pioneers arrived soon after, and the frontier settlement of Cranetown came into being in what is now the southern part of Montclair.

During the Revolutionary War, First Mountain in Montclair provided observation points for following the movements of the British to the east. A strong tradition holds that both George Washington and the Marquis de Lafayette were in Cranetown briefly in October of 1780. The boulder at the corner of Claremont Avenue and Valley Road marking the site of "Washington's Headquarters" is one of Montclair's better-known landmarks.

Beginning about 1800, several developments led to the transformation of Cranetown into a small commercial center. One development was the opening of a general store by Israel Crane. Further, in 1806, Crane led a group of businessmen in obtaining a charter from the State for building the Newark-Pompton Turnpike. Constructed over the next several years, the turnpike came through Montclair as Bloomfield Avenue and vastly increased the flow of commerce. Israel Crane broke new ground as well in opening a wool mill on Toney's Brook. Other small industries followed. Also important for the economic development of the area was the completion of the Morris Canal in 1831. In 1812, the Bloomfield ward of Newark became a separate township, which included the future Montclair. The village of Cranetown now became known as

West Bloomfield and a post office was established under that name.

The most decisive event for the emergence of Montclair was the coming of railroads. By 1860 West Bloomfield was becoming a commuter town with its own marked identity and influential residents persuaded the post office to adopt the name Montclair.

The population of the community grew rapidly as New York businessmen and their families began building homes along the mountain-side. The new residents sought to create in Montclair a model "country town" with convenient access to the city. Their vision was shared by a notable artist colony that began forming in the 1870's. A central figure was the landscape painter, George Inness. Able and dedicated community leaders endowed the town with superior schools, an excellent public library, a distinguished art museum and many large and influential churches.

By the opening of the 20th century, a richly diverse population characterized the community. A new influx of New Englanders was joined by African-Americans from the South and by Irish, Germans, Italians, Scandinavians and others newly arrived from Europe. Great mansions went up, but so did many modest homes. Between 1880 and 1930, Montclair's population leaped from 5,147 to 42,017. The period following World War II was marked by tremendous expansion of the metropolitan area. New suburbs popped up in the hinterland along with shopping malls and corporate offices.

Montclair is home to New Jersey's second largest public university, Montclair State University. Building on a distinguished history dating back to 1908, Montclair State University is a leading institution of higher education in New Jersey. Designated a Research Doctoral University by the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education, the University's 11 colleges and schools serve more than 21,000 undergraduate and graduate students with more than 300 doctoral, master's and baccalaureate programs. Situated on a beautiful, 252-acre suburban campus just 12 miles from New York City, Montclair State delivers the instructional and research resources of a large public university in a supportive, sophisticated and diverse academic environment.

Today Montclair is a community of about 39,000 inhabitants. Its heritage in education has been enhanced by its innovative public and private school educational programs and the expanded offerings at Montclair State University. Once again it has become a haven for artists and writers. This is a seasoned community whose many old houses enhance its charm, yet at the dawn of a new century, Montclair remains alive to the spirit of the times.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me in congratulating the Township of Montclair on the occasion of its 150th Anniversary.

IN RECOGNITION OF CARMINE PALOMBO FOR HIS YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED LEADERSHIP AT SEMCOG

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2018

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Carmine Palombo of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG). His leadership efforts have been critical in serving southeast Michigan for decades.

After receiving his bachelor degree in civil engineering from the University of Detroit Mercy, Mr. Palombo started what would be a lifelong career in southeast Michigan. Since he was young, he has had a deep interest for transportation planning and bettering accessibility throughout the state he loves. He has served in various roles related to transportation planning since joining SEMCOG almost 40 years ago. SEMCOG supports local planning with coordinated intergovernmental resources and serves to improve the quality of transportation systems and encourage economic development. Mr. Palombo has played an integral role in furthering SEMCOG's mission throughout his career.

Mr. Palombo has served as SEMCOG's director of transportation planning for over 20 years and played a key role in many statewide transportation efforts. Throughout southeast Michigan, Mr. Palombo is known for his dedication to his work and keen understanding of the needs of various Michigan communities. He has been at the forefront of Michigan's transit changes over the past two decades and plays a key role in the decision-making processes that occur in communities throughout southeast Michigan. In addition to his work with SEMCOG, he has served as Chairman of the Michigan Transportation Asset Management Council and is a former chair of the Michigan Intelligent Transportation Systems board of directors. Mr. Palombo has had a tremendous impact on the future of Michigan's transportation infrastructure, and we look forward to his continued positive impact on our state in the coming years. We know his next chapter will continue to help all of us.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Carmine Palombo upon his retirement for his leadership at SEMCOG and in the southeast Michigan community. Mr. Palombo's career and efforts have been critical to transit innovation in our state.

CELEBRATING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF WOODVIEW ASSOCIATES

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2018

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to extend my sincere congratulations to the Gianotti family and the residents of Woodview Associates as they celebrate the 40th Anniversary of this very special apartment community.

With a vision well before its time, Howard and Elizabeth Gianotti built Woodview to ensure that they elderly and disabled of their